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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S STATEMENT OF AUGUST 1, 1975

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THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 1975.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON

AUGUST 1, 1975

MR. MINISTER:

I

TODAY I WANT TO ADDRESS TWO TOPICS: THE UNBRACKETED PORTIONS
OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT OF MAY 7, 1975, AND THE U.S. FORMULATION OF
PARAGRAPH 7 OF ARTICLE IV OF THAT TEXT.

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ON MAY 7, 1975, THE CHIEFS OF DELEGATION RECEIVED AD REFER-
ENDUM TO THEMSELVES AND IN TURN TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS FROM THE
DRAFTING GROUP, A JOINT DRAFT TEXT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. THIS
TEXT, WHICH PROVIDES A COMMON DOCUMENT FOR USE IN OUR ONGOING
NEGOTIATIONS, CONTAINS LANGUAGE ON WHICH THERE WAS AGREEMENT BE-
TWEEN THE TWO SIDES WITHIN THE DRAFTING GROUP, AS WELL AS
LANGUAGE ON WHICH AGREEMENT WAS NOT REACHED. THE LATTER WAS
BRACKETED.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THIS JOINT DRAFT
TEXT. AS A RESULT OF THE CONSIDERATION, I AM PLEASED TO STATE THAT
THE UNBRACKETED PORTIONS OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT OF MAY 7, 1975,
ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
ARTICLE VII AND PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XVII, WHICH ARE STILL
UNDERGOING REVIEW. SUCH ACCEPTABILITY IS, OF COURSE, SUBJECT TO
THE INTRODUCTION OF POSSIBLE EDITORIAL CHANGES WHICH MAY BE RE-
QUIRED DURING THE FINAL CONFORMING OF THE ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN
TEXTS. IN ADDITION, CERTAIN EDITORIAL CHANGES MAY BE REQUIRED
IN THE UNBRACKETED PORTIONS OF ARTICLES OR PARAGRAPHS, PARTS OF
WHICH ARE STILL IN BRACKETS, UPON FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE LANGUAGE
IN THE BRACKETED PORTIONS.

III

I NOW WILL TURN TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR PARAGRAPH 7 OF
ARTICLE IV OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT, WHICH DEALS WITH THE SUPPLY
OF MISSILES TO ICBM DEPLOYMENT FIELDS, UNITS OR BASES, STORAGE
OF ADDITIONAL MISSILES AND STORAGE FACILITIES AT ICBM LAUNCH
SITES, AND THE RAPID RELOAD OF ICBM LAUNCHERS. IN ORDER TO
CLARIFY THE MEANING OF SUBPARAGRAPH (C) OF THAT PARAGRAPH, THE
U.S. PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING REWORDING:

"THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE:

(C) NOT TO DEVELOP, TEST, OR DEPLOY SYSTEMS FOR RAPID
RELOAD OF ICBM LAUNCHERS."

WITH REGARD TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR THE WHOLE OF PARAGRAPH
7 OF ARTICLE IV, I WANT TO STATE THAT, BASED ON INFORMATION PRE-
SENTLY KNOWN TO THE U.S., WE DO NOT ENVISION THAT CHANGES WOULD
BE REQUIRED IN EXISTING PRACTICES UNDER THE U.S. FORMULATION OF
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THIS PARAGRAPH. HOWEVER, THIS STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED
TO PERMIT THE USE OF CURRENT STORAGE PRACTICES FOR CERTAIN OLDER
SOFT ICBMS SITES TO BE EXTENDED TO OTHER ICBM SYSTEMS. SHOULD
AMBIGUITIES ARISE IN THE FUTURE, THEY COULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE
SCC.

IV

MR. MINISTER, I HOPE THAT WHAT I HAVE SAID THIS MORNING

WILL FACILITATE OUR NEGOTIATIONS. JOHNSON

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